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## EDITORIAL.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All letters on business with this paper, and matter for publication, except that pertaining to Sister M. T. Gambrell's department, should be addressed, and all drafts and money orders should be made payable to Southern Baptist Record. Please do this and prevent mistakes and confusion.

Notes and Comments.

Our sympathies and prayers go with Brother J. M. Marshall, of Roebuck, in his affliction. May God bless the means used and restore his sight.

Of all the articles in the *Review* on "Born of Water," Brother Melvin's is decidedly the best; simple, logical and the best of all; his is the Scriptural view.—D. H. P.

The Catholic Knights in New Orleans are to celebrate the centennial of the inauguration of George Washington, the first President! Well, what for that? Why, nothing but another bit of that wily and hoary old hypocrisy for popular favor. "We flatter you now, but we will have great joy in burning you by and by."

The first church, Chattanooga, Tenn., has been holding a fine meeting. There were over seventy accessions to the church about fifty of whom were by experience. Dr. C. H. Strickland, of Nashville, and Rev. E. E. Folk, of the Baptist *Editor*, did much of the preaching. That is a good way to do, quite as well if not better than some others.

A letter from Brother W. E. Berry, Big Horn, Montana, says: "We have just completed a new *House of Fellowship*, called and painted. We have appointed the third Sunday in May for the dedication services." The service is a tender memory of Fellowship church and thanks God for the wise counsel given in the days of early ministry by saints who have gone from that church to the church triumphant.

A secular paper says, "Football is one of the latest fads among the girls in New York fashionable life." Perhaps some of our own Southern circles will think this is a thing too awful, awful for us to admit into our columns, but we awfully fear there is ground for the saying, judging from what many of their sex are saying and doing in these days of doubtful progress.

President Harrison recently told some colored preachers that religion and politics don't mix. We suppose he meant current politics, and, if so, he spoke truly. But if he meant honest politics, then he is a long way off. How could a Christian man and an officer in a Christian church tax anything into his keeping to be the rule and guide of his people life that would not mix with his religion?

Conflicting reports about Mr. Stanley ever since his long letter was published are being sent out. One is to the effect that after he had joined Emin Bey the second time, the Mahdi had captured the whole force.

The latest, and probably the most reliable, is that he and Emin Bey, with several thousand men, women and children are marching to Zanzibar with near a million dollars worth of ivory.

"The sermon was interesting, bright and clear, but the good old sisters criticized it and just said: 'He does not draw from the depths.' No doubt this criticism was apt and just if applied to more than half of our popular pulpit ministrations, and on that account we have a more of pignies in many of our churches instead of men and women of full Christian stature.

"Something else will do as well," had its origin in Rome, and is an inspiration of the Roman church, and has come by inheritance to all of her descendants, the Pseudo-Baptist churches. But the specification of one thing is the prohibition of every other in lieu of that specified," in all matters of Christian duty is better. "See that thou make it in all points according to the pattern showed to thee on the Mount."

An exchange says: "The Baptists are congratulating themselves on the prospect of a great Baptist University, located either at New York or Washington, with an endowment of twenty millions of dollars." We don't seem much of that congratulation and it is another case of the "Wish being the father to the thought." One hears that the wisdom of our Baptist capitalists will be the wisdom of liberally endowed institutions struggling through existing conditions.

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## FROM JACKSON.

SOME PREACHERS.

Every now and then we see it announced that there are very important places that ought to be "taken and held for the Master." That it is a "rich country very rapidly being settled up with progressive people," and that "preachers are greatly needed to meet the demands of the situation." Then we are gravely informed that "stove-pipe hat, kid glove or gold headed cane preachers are not wanted, but rather men with brains and love for the souls of men."

Now we want to say particularly that we are not partial to "stove-pipe hats" on preachers, neither kid gloves nor gold headed canes, yet if all of the preachers of our denomination even who are partial to those things, and who some times or usually parade them, would only leave an immense chasm in the American pulpit, but it would draw down such a large part of the "brains" and genuine Christian zeal and earnestness for thousands of men that we should not be able to realize that a cyclone had not swept over the land. It would vacate most of our city and village pulpits and close the doors of not a few of our Colleges and Theological Seminaries. We honor and love the pulpits men of our country who are content to go in plain attire, even though they wear no gloves and carry no canes, but we beg to submit that all the brains, talent and Christian devotion in the Baptist ministry do not go about the land wrapped up in "blue jeans coats" and "copperas breeches." It is a far more common, that the plain clothed preacher who seems to be so much in demand in some of our rapidly growing sections, reach a point in their work after a while where they seem not to meet the demands of the situation—the church and community having outgrown the "good man," and as stronger, even a "stove-pipe, kid glove, gold headed cane" preacher is in demand, and he, the plain, good soul must step down and out. That is all well enough in its way, for such changes are probably sometimes necessary, but the demand for them comes with ill-grace from the people who insisted on making the distinction originally. It strikes us as the better way to ask God for preachers and then take such as he sends. If any of them happen to be of the stove-pipe hat and so forth variety, accept them as you would the jeans coat and copperas breeches kid, hitch in with them and go to work, trusting the increase.

Do not forget that all true preachers are called of God, and that call does not designate or even suggest a particular style of dress, nor does it make him any less a man—that after all he is only a dying man, preaching the gospel to dying men, of whom you are one, or perhaps many.

"The king's daughters" may be a pretty good kind of daughters and we have no doubt they are. Their motto is a pretty one and if they mean all that it implies it is a good one. It is, however, one of the most difficult things to do in this poor world of sin and selfishness, to run a religious society, organized for work strictly "in the name of Christ." That thing has been pretty thoroughly tried in times gone by, and of recent date as well, but up to this writing they have universally degenerated into societies working in the name and interest of self. "In his name" means we are doing all this for him and for his glory—only for the praise of men, not for a valuable consideration, not for personal promotion, nor for rewards here or hereafter, but simply and solely because he would have us do it, and because it was well-pleasing to him. Not that we have any interest in these things, but out of pure love for him.

"The king's daughters," heretofore, who usually call themselves "sisters," who set out to do and bear and suffer all things "in his name," have long ago lost the spirit and set of such a motto, and reducing their work to a science, have learned with the greatest accuracy of arithmetical demonstration to tell the exact value of every act and good deed as it may apply in securing their own personal interest in the world to come. We have no sort of an idea that the great "King eternal and invisible," whose title is personated in the appellation of this society, has any daughters on these mundane shores engaged in that kind of business. All of the "daughters," and some too, for that matter, whom he has in these parts, are already saved, even and suffer all things for the spirit and set of such a motto, and reducing their work to a science, have learned with the greatest accuracy of arithmetical demonstration to tell the exact value of every act and



U. Convention, which met last Friday was a notable galaxy of splendid womanhood. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen received the ladies and turned the city over to them. Many strong and beautiful things were said, and the ladies evidently mean the overthrow of the liquor power in the state, if some of its troops have to go down with it. To which we say, Amen. Pastor Mason and the ladies are in line with the foremost in all that concerns Christ's kingdom. We have an unusual number of strong men in this church.

Harrison Church, Sunday last, was a collection day with our church. Bishop Rockett preached. Theme, "Sweet fellowship in sympathizing with others, bring blessings upon ourselves." The brethren and sisters too, understood, and a good collection was the result. Over \$300 for missions. It was a precious day too. Indeed it was a precious offering, each gave as "the purpose of his heart." We don't make much noise about it, but believe we have one of the best preachers in the State. Our church has a Ladies Aid Society, God bless them which is working right along. Recently they have carpeted the aisles in front of the pulpit and otherwise improved the church interior and are planning for other good things.

Stevens Church, we had Bro. Geo. Whitfield, Vice-President of Mission Board with us on yesterday, to present claims of missions. A high and unfavorable day and a small congregation, but will amount up to about \$500.

Greenville, This morning has continued ten days. Bro. Gambrell preached two days for us. Then Bro. Z. T. Leavelle preached the Word twice a day till the meeting closed. He was heard gladly by our people, and everybody regretted that Bro. Gambrell could not remain longer with us. Bro. A. L. Johnson, a licentiate of Greenville (Tenn.) church was with us and did efficient service in song and prayer. He is a young brother of fine promise. He expects to enter Mississippi College next Fall. We have had two sessions since the beginning of our meeting, and seven last before and we hope for others soon. Bro. W. F. Ashford, who recently came to us from our Methodist brethren, has been called to Bethel church in Sumner county, and will begin his work there on the fourth Sunday in this month. The four pastors who have labored in this Association were once Methodists. There is a burning desire for at least two more men in this association. We have been crying for some one to come over and help us. Have our Methodist brethren more love, zeal or piety than this one in large numbers to this field, and a Baptist "raised" pastor has ever been willing to settle in the part of the valley? The fields are broad and with the assistance of the Word and our good salaries. Brethren pay for us, that the Lord may send us more preachers.

Archie Baptist Church, on the 1st Sunday of this month, assisted by Bro. R. A. Colburn, began a protracted meeting with the little new church at Archie. Bro. Colburn did some excellent preaching, the people were pleased, and God was glorified. Funds were added to the church, one had been a Harbison Baptist, one a Roman Catholic, and the other had not, to that they were connected with our Christian denomination. On the 1st day of the meeting I administered baptism in Deer Creek to two white persons, the first occurred the 2nd and 3rd of the month. We then prepared for the church, partook of the Lord's Supper for the first time; gave the parting hand and felt that it had been good to meet and spend eight days in the Master's service there.

Fellowship Church, Tippah Co., has just completed a neat house, ceiled and painted. Prof. W. E. Berry, who was raised in the community, is pastor. The house will be dedicated on the 3rd Sunday in May. The Senior was once pastor and acknowledges an invitation to be present. He can only be with the brethren in spirit, but will be with the many seasons of refreshing spent with them years ago.

New Orleans. The present Brewery has failed. Pastor Busby is conducting a series of meetings in the Calumet church. There are tokens of the divine favor in the church. Let prayer be made everywhere for the pastor and people.

How should we deal with a brother or sister who has been excluded from the church for separating or refusing to live together. If either of them applies for restoration how should we deal with them?

Ans.—The church did wrong to exclude simply for separating. If the husband and wife cannot live happily together separation is admissible. But should either of them marry, the one marrying would be guilty of adultery, and would have to be excluded. They can live separate without interfering with church relations, so far as the act of separating is concerned, but they cannot marry.

J. R. SAMPLE.

The Last Day. The last day of this Conventional year is the thirtieth of April. At noon, on that day, the books of the Foreign Mission Board close. Funds received after that time cannot be reported to the Convention. A more important fact is that, unless the churches in the next twenty days, send us at the rate of \$1,000 a day, they must be reported to the Convention as seriously in debt to the amount of \$1,000,000. If such amount is not forthcoming, Southern Baptists must be reported as having allowed personal friends to advance this money on account of their obligations to the Lord, and then, to return the money when the plighted day of payment came. This is a sacred debt to Jesus among the nations. But our brethren only need to be informed of a plain duty today. They have never willingly failed the Master's cause in the hour of positive need. Let each of us examine the matter before the Lord, and do our duty fully. Brethren, that means doing much or doing little—and all will be well in the "Last Day."

H. A. TUPPER, Cor. Sec.

P. S.—In sending funds, let Treasurers, Agents and all others be sure that they are started in ample time to reach us before 12 m. April 30.

H. A. T.

A WORD FROM NITTA YAMA.

I do not see how I could pass away my Sabbath well without the Nitta Yama. It reaches me on Saturday and I have found in every number some very interesting matter, and as we have no pastor to preach for us this year, you can form some idea of the company it is to me to have so good a paper to read. This portion of God's country has been entirely deserted by all denominations. Bro. Snider preached for us last year; his last sermon was on the first Sabbath in Dec. last, and there has not been a sermon preached here since.

We are in a very deplorable condition. It is true we failed to pay our pastor his full salary, but it looks very hard indeed to have the field that did pay, not only their portion but even more than they had conscientiously agreed to pay, and take care of their families, not to have the benefit of the gospel. We have a very rich and fertile country, and a good set of people in it, but you know that if you plant a crop and neglect to cultivate it, that it will be choked with weeds. Now I just believe that if Bro. Snider had been a little more energetic, and had gone to the brethren and sisters and said to them at the end of each quarter, or at the end of the year, that his money was due and he wanted it, I am certain and believe that he could have collected the last dollar and more. But the old saying is if you want anything done well do it yourself, but if you want it badly depend on your neighbors to do it, and in nine times out of ten you will come out short.

Now if there is any live preacher that will come in here and stir these people up to their duty, I don't think he will have any trouble about his pay. The old saying, Bro. Lewis Ball well knows that these are all faithful people, but they are something like our timid preachers they wait till you come to them for what you want and then they will always respond. Ask Dr. White of this Delta country, looking after his salary, I warrant he gets his salary and that without any looking after. Anything that is not worth having after is not worth having. I have said too much and fear it will be thrown in the waste basket, but we certainly do desire the gospel preached among us. You will please put in all the words for us you can and be sure not to stop my paper if I should fail to renew on time, as the amount of \$2 is very inconvenient to send unless we were near a money-order P. O. I send \$3 hoping to keep you in good spirits.

R. L. WRIGHT, Mississippi and the Home Mission Board.

The contributions of Mississippi, reported from May 1st 1888 to May 1st 1889 aggregate \$202.88, and we know that there is "more to follow" before April 30th, when our Treasurer closes his books. But a large part of this amount is for the Havana House, which does not, of course, help our general fund. We beg, therefore, that the brethren and churches in their final distribution of funds, will remember their Home Mission Board, which has done, during the past year a larger and better work than ever before, but will need every dollar that can be sent us to meet our increased expenditures.

J. WM. JONES, Asst. Sec'y.

District Meeting.

The district meeting of Bethlehem Association met with Mr. Horeb church on Saturday before the fifth Lord's Day in March. A number of brethren, including visitors were present. Elder H. A. Pickard preached at 11 o'clock; text, Matt. 24:28-31; after which adjourned till 2:30 p. m., when the body was called to order by Elder W. S. Culpepper, and proceeded to organization by electing Bro. D. H. Yarbrough Chairman and J. L. Williams Sec'y.

1. Elder J. D. Stone read an essay on "Communion; when, where and how often." Discussed by Elders Stone, Pickard and Culpepper, and Bro. J. McLeure. The subject was continued to the meeting.

2. No essay, but the subject, "Duties of Deacons" was discussed by Elders J. R. Steinwinder, Culpepper, Pickard and J. D. Stone, and Brethren J. McLeure and J. Stinson.

3. No essay, subject, "Spiritual and Secular Sphere of the Church." Discussed by Elders Culpepper, Pickard

J. D. Stone, J. R. Steinwinder and Bro. Jno. Stinson.

Adjourned to Sabbath morning 9:30 o'clock. J. L. Williams preached Saturday night; text: Luke 16:5—"How much owest thou, my Lord?"

Sabbath, 9:30 a. m., resumed program as follows:

1. Essay by J. L. Williams: "The best plan of arousing the spirituality of the churches." Elders Culpepper, Pickard, J. D. Stone and Bro. Jno. McLeure took part in the discussion; whereupon, on motion, the essay was ordered to be printed in the Record, and the subject continued to next meeting. Eld. W. S. Culpepper to write on the same.

2. Essay by Eld. W. S. Culpepper: "The Temptations of the Churches." Discussed by Eld. Culpepper, Stone and Pickard.

Next meeting, on motion, to be held at Oak Grove 5th Lord's day in June; and J. L. Williams, J. D. Stone, W. S. Culpepper and J. McLeure appointed committee on program.

On motion the proceedings were ordered published.

Adjourned, after which Elder W. S. Culpepper preached, 11:20 a. m.; Rev. 22:11.

D. H. YARBROUGH, Chairman.

J. L. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Special Coaches for the Convention.

If a sufficient number of brethren and sisters will agree to go together from Jackson to Memphis, I can get a through and separate coach, which will leave Jackson on Thursday at 11:55 p. m. The fare will be \$8.50 for the round trip. The regular sleeper will be crowded on that night. If as many as 21 persons will agree to take berths from Jackson to Memphis, I can get a sleeper to Memphis. Write me immediately, as this notice will not appear again, whether you will go on the special through coach, and also whether you wish a berth on the sleeper.

H. F. SPOLES.

MARRIED.

On the 10th inst., by Rev. G. M. Harrell, of Minden, La., Mr. J. M. George and Miss Allie Moring of Houghton, La.

Mr. George, a son of our brother, Dr. George of Enter, Miss. of whom it may be said "he is the peer of the best and wisest of the land," and Miss Moring is a "little girl" used to know, she is of equal worth. The young people have our very best wishes in their new departure.

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